

State/Territory: Maine

STANDARDS FOR THE COVERAGE OF ORGAN TRANSPLANT SERVICES

For procedures that do not require prior authorization:

1. Kidney transplants: Medicaid will reimburse crossover costs for end stage renal disease patients whose transplants are reimbursed by Medicare.
2. Corneal transplants: Medicaid will provide reimbursement for a patient whose diagnosis is corneal opacity or keratoconus.

For procedures that do require prior authorization (heart, heart-lung, lung, bone marrow, liver, small intestine, combined liver-small intestine, combined kidney-pancreas, pancreas transplantation after kidney, and pancreas transplantation alone);

1. The patient's overall condition must indicate a reasonable expectation for success.
2. Alternative medical therapies would not prevent progressive disability or death.
3. The patient is emotionally stable and has a current history free of alcohol or drug abuse.
4. Patients receiving liver, small intestine and combined liver-small intestine transplants must be 21 years old or younger.
5. The organ transplant facility must be able to demonstrate a cooperative working relationship with the patient's physician, Department of Human Services staff, and other appropriate personnel.
6. The facility's survival rates must be consistent with national survival rates.

Exception: Conformance to survival rate criteria shall be waived for new instate programs during a 2-year start up period.

7. When all other factors are considered equal, preference in granting approval of facilities shall be given to in-state or regional facilities.

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